

FISCAL NOTE

HB 312 - SB 491

March 3, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any electronic voting system purchased on or after July 1, 2005, that does not require a voter to directly mark on the ballot to produce a paper version of the ballot. Such paper version shall be retained by the county election commission for use during any recounts, contests, or random samplings for accuracy.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

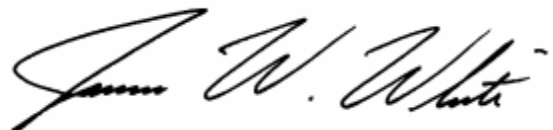
Increase State Expenditures - \$1,297,800 One-Time

Assumptions:

- Each voting machine purchased after July 1, 2005, would need a separate printer attached to the machine. The cost of each printer is estimated to be \$300.
- 2400 precincts would need one machine which is accessible to those with disabilities x \$300 (one printer) = \$720,000.
- 775 precincts with punchcard/lever machines would be replaced and 188 precincts with central based optical scan would be replaced. A total of 963 precincts would receive two new machines according to the state plan x \$600 (two printers) = \$577,800. The total increase in state expenditures required to comply with the provisions of this bill is estimated to be \$1,297,800.
- Tennessee requires all voting equipment to be tested pursuant to federal standards. Currently, there are no standards for the use of voter-verified paper trails.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director